

Bromley 0, Wycombe W. 4

STRUGGLING to control a regular spot in Wycombe's most successful side for decades, leading goalsnatcher, Tony Horseman, put his brand on all four goals on Saturday as Wanderers made lowly Bromley their ninth victim in nine outings.

He scored the first; supplied the free kick for number two; was brought down for the penalty leading to Wycombe's third; and did much of the spadework for the fourth.

Yet, demoted to the substitutes' bench for last Tuesday's crunch match with Enfield, "Bodger" had won recall only in place of Larry

'Bodger' brands Bromley

Pritchard, who was on duty with the Rest of the League side which lost 2-0 at Southbury Road to the reigning Isthmian champions.

Back in his true position, at inside forward, Horseman looked far more at home than on the wing, where his recent displays lacked workrate.

Otherwise Wanderers lined up as per the Enfield game, and, although holding their visitors to no score at half time,

Bromley lost all grip on proceedings once the Blues had opened their account.

The Kent men were fortunate as early as the 5th minute when Keith Searle rocked their crossbar with a powerful header. And Wycombe made much of the first half running without ever reproducing the teamwork that has already pulled them four points clear of their nearest rivals, Hendon.

In Danny Lakey, a former

Amateur Cup finalist with Hendon and making his debut for a new club on Saturday, Bromley possessed the weapon that might just have upset the odds. But the threat never emerged from the one time wingman who last season topped Maidstone's goal charts.

Bromley's resignation to defeat, even after a goalless first half, could not have been better summed up than inside the pressbox by a local reporter who thought

they "would declare at half time".

How right he was. For Wanderers blended together well, and went ahead four minutes into the new session. If somewhat lucky to have the ball drop virtually at his feet, Horseman nonetheless took advantage of the situation, and Bromley's slapdash marking, by crashing home the first goal.

'Keeper Soper — not without blame for the score — put the ball away for a corner three minutes later after Geoff Anthony's fine work had given Johnny Hutchinson an opening.

Only five minutes elapsed before Hutchinson made sure of Wanderers' second however, placing a header into the net from Horseman's free kick.

As Keith Blunt covered Wise when the number six tried to convert, Coppin's cross, Bromley brought on substitute Campbell for Lloyd in the 58th minute. And for a time, the goal rush dried up.

But the nuisance value of such elusive forwards as Anthony, Hutchinson, and Horseman (not forgetting that Pritchard can be as slippery as the best of them) is hard to measure . . . and to control.

After 77 minutes, it took a

foul by Scott of Horseman to delay the third. The resultant penalty however handed it to John Delaney on a plate and Wycombe's skipper sent his spot kick flashing over Soper, while Bromley's 'keeper hopefully dived to his left.

Wanderers pulled off Rundle for Faulkner at the back 11 minutes from time, and, within 60 seconds, went four up. Again it was Horseman, this time winning a tussle for possession on the Bromley line, then pushing the ball back to Anthony for the right winger to slot it through a gap in the home defence.

At risk of repeating what has been evident throughout the opening weeks of the season, Wycombe are yet to strike their true potential form. Yet they go on winning, still to meet a better team. So God help the poor innocents who meet Wanderers on the day they click completely . . . nothing else will.

BROMLEY: A. Soper; M. Miles; C. McAllister; D. Leonard; R. Scott; D. Wise; J. Brown; M. Lloyd (sub); J. Campbell, 58th min.; A. Coppin; D. Lakey; A. Dav.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: J. Maskell; I. Rundle (sub); V. Faulkner, 79th min.; K. Blunt; F. Powell; J. Delaney; B. Baker; G. Anthony; A. Horseman; K. Searle; B. Bremer; J. Hutchinson.

Goalscorers: Wycombe — Horseman (49); Hutchinson (57); Delaney (77 pen.); Anthony (80).